THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no system to survey and collect patient reaction to new drugs.

(c) Ayurvedic drugs are presently not subjected to price control.

(d) The Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata has developed a plant based Ayurvedic medicine called ASMON for the treatment of Asthma. All the ingredients of this product have been taken from the authentic books of Ayurveda listed in the First Schedule to Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the licence has been issued in consonance with the rules and procedure laid down for registering a Patent and Proprietary Ayurvedic medicines.

Eradication of TB with foreign aid

2299. SHRI A. VUAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented for eradication of Tuberculosis with foreign aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the progress of Tuberculosis eradication schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Revised National TB Control Programme (DOTS Strategy) is being implemented in the country in a phased manner for control of TB. The following International Agencies have provided financial assistance for the same.

(i)	World Bank	—	Rs. 604 crores
(ii)	DANIDA	—	Rs. 31.95 crores (for Orissa)
(iii)	DFJD	—	Rs. 109.93 crores (for Andhra Pradesh)

(c) More than 400 million population has been covered under this programme. A cure rate of more than 80% has been reported from the project districts. It is planned to cover 500 million population by 2002 and 800 million by 2004.